

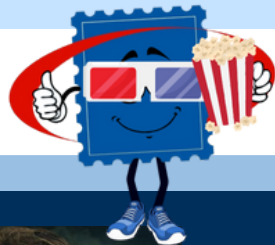
Penelope Cruz



Penélope Cruz, an actress and model from Spain, rose to prominence in Spanish cinema before making her mark in Hollywood. Renowned for her versatility, she has graced the screen in celebrated movies such as "Volver" and "Vicky Cristina Barcelona," earning an Academy Award. Cruz is revered for her skill, elegance, and range in portraying various characters, establishing herself as a highly esteemed actress.



Born: April 28th 1974, in Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain.



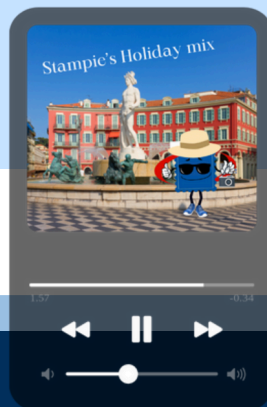
Penelope Cruz portraying Angelica in the Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.

Fun Facts:

- Cruz became the first Spanish actress to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for her role as Angelica in Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.
- She learned Italian with great determination to secure her role in the movie "Don't Move" (2004). Her efforts paid off as she later won the Italian equivalent of the Oscars for Best Actress.

Rosalía Vila Tobelle

Rosalía Vila Tobella, also known as Rosalía, is a Spanish artist acclaimed for fusing flamenco with pop and reggaeton. She gained prominence through her album *El Mal Querer* (2018), collaborating with international artists and earning Grammy Awards for her groundbreaking musical style.



**Born: September 25th 1992,
Sant Esteve Sesrovires,
Spain.**



**Rosalía Vila Tobelle on the Tu
is que vales programme
when she was 15.**

Fun Facts:

- Rosalía started her music career at 15 on *Tú sí que vales*. Despite not advancing on the show, her independent flamenco album "*Los Ángeles*" in 2017 gained popularity and positive reviews, leading her to sign with Columbia Records.
- The Spanish artist went viral for keeping avocado and mayonnaise in her bag for convenient snacks, adapting to her hectic schedule.

Rafael Nadal



Rafael Nadal, a renowned tennis player from Spain, has achieved a remarkable 14 French Open victories and earned the title "The King of Clay." His worldwide popularity is attributed to his athleticism, strong forehand, and fierce competitive drive. The rivalry between Nadal, Novak Djokovic, and Roger Federer dominated tennis for many years.



**Born: June 3rd 1986,
Manacor, Mallorca, Spain.**



Roger Federer (left) and Rafael Nadal (Right) in the 2008 Wimbledon final.

Fun Facts:

- The Wimbledon final in 2008 between Nadal and Federer, lasting 4 hours and 48 minutes and is widely regarded as one of the greatest matches in tennis history.
- He is also an editor for El Periódico de Catalunya, a daily newspaper for Barcelona.

Fernando Alonso



Spanish Formula 1 driver Fernando Alonso, widely regarded as one of the best in history, made his debut in 2001 and clinched back-to-back titles in 2005 and 2006 while driving with Renault. Recognized for his bold racing style and tactical mindset, he has competed for renowned teams such as Ferrari and McLaren, and continues to be involved in Formula One.



**Born: July 29th 1981,
Oviedo, Spain.**



**Fernando Alonso at the 2005
28th Formula 1, winning
World Drivers' Champion.**

Fun Facts:

- Fernando Alonso is the only Spanish Formula One driver to win the World Championship which he achieved in 2005 and 2006.
- Alonso has received the Gold Medal of the Royal Order of Sports Merit and is the first driver to be inducted into the FIA Hall of Fame twice.
- He has his own museum situated in Asturias in Spain, that presents in excess of 400 unique items that belong to Alonso's personal collection.

Clara Campoamor



Clara Campoamor Rodríguez, a Spanish politician and feminist, played a crucial role in obtaining women's voting rights in Spain by contributing to the 1931 Spanish Constitution during the Second Spanish Republic. Despite being exiled after the Spanish Civil War, she continued to be a committed champion for democracy and human rights until her death.



Born: February 12th 1888, Madrid, Spain – Died: April 30th 1972, Lausanne, Switzerland.



Clara Campoamor (left) and her opponent Victoria Kent (right).

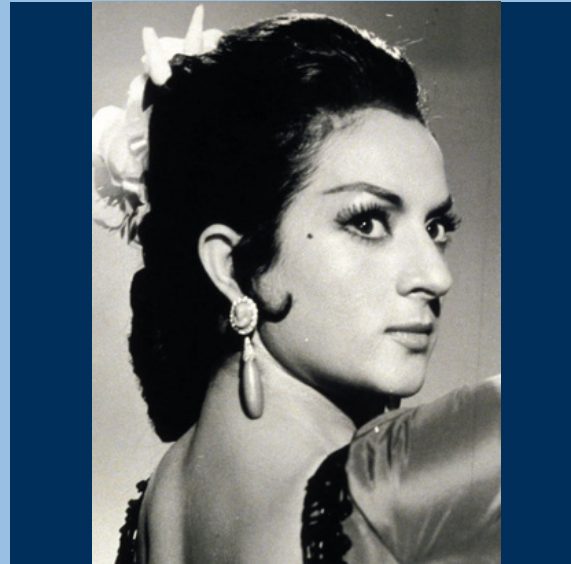
Fun Facts:

- She was the first female lawyer to argue cases on women's legal rights at the Supreme Court.
- A well-known historical incident involves her lively parliamentary confrontation with Victoria Kent, who opposed women's suffrage; they were dubbed 'la Clara y la Yema' by the press, a wordplay on 'clara' (egg white) and 'yema' (egg yolk). Clara won 161 votes in favour to 121 against.

Lola Flores



María Dolores "Lola" Flores Ruiz, a Spanish actress, bailaora, and singer, was renowned for her lively performances on stage. Starting her career early, she excelled in both music and film. Flores became a household name for her memorable performances in productions such as Zambra, where she demonstrated her skills in singing flamenco, copla, rumba, and ranchera genres.



**Born: January 21st 1923, Jerez de la Frontera, Andalusia, Spain -
Died: May 16th 1995, Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain.**



The bronze statue of Lola Flores, situated in her hometown of Jerez de la Frontera.

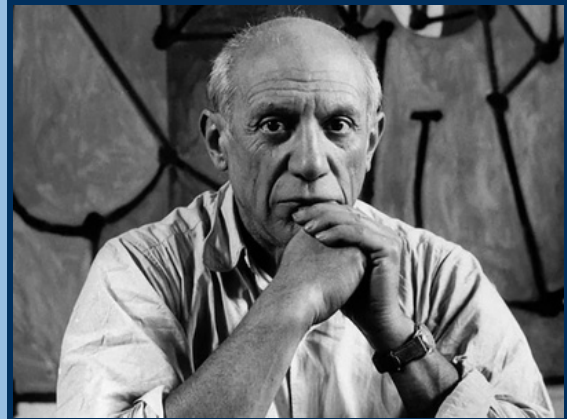
Fun Facts:

- During the 1950's Lola Flores starred in almost 20 films.
- La Faraona, nicknamed as such, is commemorated with a bronze statue in her birthplace neighborhood at the San Miguel district of Jerez de la Frontera, a prominent flamenco area; it was unveiled in March 2003 and crafted by Víctor Ochoa Sierra, a native of Madrid.

Pablo Picasso



Pablo Picasso, a significant 20th century artist, was a Spanish painter, sculptor, and printmaker known for his revolutionary cubist movement and surrealist era artworks. His notable pieces include Les Femmes d'Alger and Guernica, which protested against war. Picasso's creativity and productivity have had a lasting impact on modern art.



Born: October 25th 1881, Malaga, Spain - Died: April 8th 1973, Mougins, France.



Pablo Picassos' first completed painting called 'Le picador'; he did this at 9 years of age.

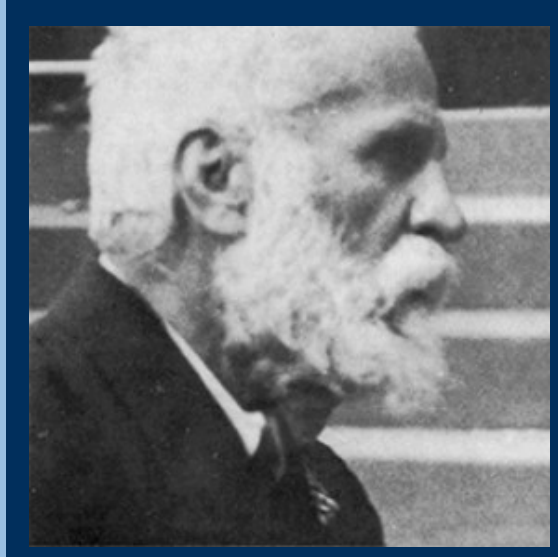
Fun Facts:

- According to his mother, Pablo Picasso's first words were "piz," a shortened version of "lapis," which translates to 'pencil.'
- His father, Ruiz, began teaching Picasso art when he was 7 years old.
- By age 9, Picasso completed his first painting titled 'Le picador,' portraying a man on horseback entering a bullfight arena.
- He was recognised as one of the wealthiest artists in history at the time of death.

Antoni Gaudí



Antoni Gaudí, a Catalan architect, played a pivotal role in the modernist movement, renowned for his lively, intricate style influenced by nature. Notable creations like the Sagrada Família and Park Güell in Barcelona highlight his groundbreaking use of materials and harmonious incorporation of nature, solidifying his status as a beloved and celebrated architectural visionary.



Born: June 25th 1852, Reus, Spain – Died: June 10th 1926, Barcelona, Spain.

Fun Facts:

- Sagrada Familia, Gaudi's tallest church project in Europe, aims to reach 560 feet upon completion by 2030.
- Gaudi used 3D models, sometimes viewed upside down with a mirror, instead of drawings for his projects.
- His first project involved creating lampposts for the Plaza Real in Barcelona.
- UNESCO designated 7 of his projects as World Heritage Sites from 1984 to 2005.



The upside down model of the Sagrada Família produced by Gaudí (left) and the uncompleted Sagrada Família in Barcelona (right).